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Chairman Wilson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Carole Erickson – I have the honor of serving as a Public Member on the Board of Medical Examiners to represent the public's interest and safety and to ensure fairness to the citizens of Montana. We hear of average citizens who do not have equal representation in society or who are unable to afford to hire legal assistance. As a Public Member, I serve as a Citizen Advocate.

During my tenure, members of the Board have maintained high standards and provided a forum for providers and citizens to be heard in a fair and impartial manner. To serve Montanans well, it is imperative to maintain standards of excellence through licensing, discipline and education.

SB 287 will open the door to unlicensed practice issues. The Board of Medical Examiners requests a do not pass on SB287.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak today on behalf of the Board of Medical Examiners. I am available should you have any questions.

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